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Inventor(s): KOYANAGI, Yoshihiro
For: EVACUABLE VALVE, EVACUABLE BAG, AND PRODUCTION
PROCESS THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Seventeen (17) pages
- Seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27



Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-378780 filed in JAPAN on December 27, 2002.

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